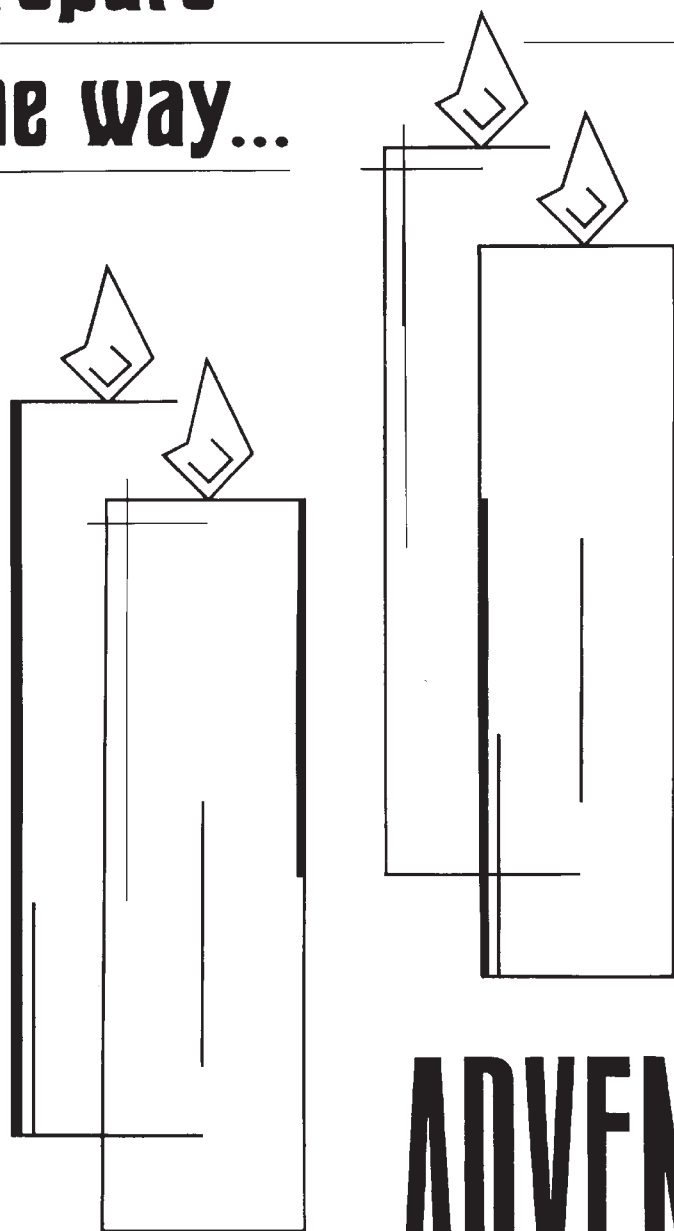


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ADVENT

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 18	5:00	Barb Lambourne req Family
Sun Dec 19	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Gilda Romano Teresa Belko John Gallo Barb Lambourne Giuseppe Scanga Maria Prudenza De Filippis Joseph Sr & Lina Miniaci
Tue Dec 21	8:30	Mirko & Milica Chuvalo req Iva Bradica
	7:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Wed Dec 22	8:30	Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo req Nino & Frances Stano
Thur Dec 23	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Mila Zovak Teresa Belko Kaye Power Bruno Bertolo Antonio Paolozza Stanko Kochur
Fri Dec 24	7:00	Earl Cudmore req Desroches Family
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sat Dec 25	9:00	Giuseppe & Antonietta Longo req Longo & Marimpietri Families
	11:00	Peter McColgan req Agnes McColgan & Family
Sun Dec 26	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Owen Baker Mila Zovak Teresa Belko Bernard Koster Bruno Bertolo Jack Del Gatto Patrick Davidson
	11:00	Meintje Klumper req Ted & Family

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas

Friday December 24	7:00 PM	MASS IS FULL
	11:00 PM	Limited seating available
Saturday December 25	9:00 AM	MASS IS FULL
	11:00 AM	Limited seating available

RESERVATION ONLY.



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Today's Gospel presents the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, the two women pregnant with the future God was preparing. Representing the era when Christianity emerged from its Jewish roots, the young woman goes in joyful haste to meet the elder who receives her with equal joy. Elizabeth welcomes Mary and her unborn child with a delight that could only be expressed in song: "Blessed are you!" Then, celebrating the grace they shared, she sang, "Blessed are you who believed!" In all humility, as the elder ceding to the new, Elizabeth declared that the miraculous child of her womb was secondary to the one Mary bore. As the mother of the forerunner, Elizabeth became the first to proclaim faith in Jesus, calling him "my Lord" even before he was born. Elizabeth, like her mothers in the Hebrew tradition, rejoiced in God's goodness without any hint of rivalry with Mary. Mary, even more than those who went before her, risked her reputation and therefore her life by accepting the angel's invitation before she was with a husband. In so doing, she did what her Son would do and ask of his disciples: She gave up her life for the sake of God's plan. Once she accepted God's invitation, she had nothing left to lose; she was as free as Jesus would promise others they could be.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Following upon last week's "Day of Confession," confession for Christmas will also be available on Wednesday, December 22nd 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, December 23rd 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church sacristy. There will be **no confessions** on Saturday, December 25th.

ON THE WAY TO UNION WITH GOD: Friday, January 7th – 7 p.m. to Sunday, January 9th - 1 p.m. at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. With the help of the saints, we will explore the journey through the purgative, illuminative and unitive stages as we grow closer to God. The hope is that the retreatant comes to a higher understanding of self in relationship to our loving and merciful God. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ, A suggested offering is \$235 per person. Register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/> Phone: 905-839-2864.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Parishioners who were not using Offertory Envelopes in 2021 and who would like to use them in 2022 are asked to contact our parish office, so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

STEWARDSHIP: After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship, and we can learn a great deal by reflecting on her visitation. Firstly, we should imitate Mary's "haste" in her visitation so that whenever we see a need in our parish community, we can readily use our gifts to help. Secondly, just as Mary brought the Child Jesus with her in her womb, we too need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good, but Christ dwelling within us.

VOCATIONS: Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon, or religious to carry the Good News of God's great love? Contact Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: In this special season of "giving," you are asked to remember the poor and less fortunate through your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Their baskets are at the doors of the church.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday December 21. Mass at 7:00 P.M. Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall. **Installation of officers will be conducted following the Mass**



2022 CWL MEMBERSHIPS: are now due. Please enclose \$25.00 in the pink CWL envelope found in your Sunday offering box or an envelope marked "CWL Membership 2022" with your name, phone number and email. All women 16 years and older are invited to join. Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership. **New members are always welcome.** For additional information phone Joey at 905-576-3386.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022: We have placed at the main entrance of the church Offertory Envelopes for 2022 for our envelopes users. Parishioners who were not using envelopes in 2021 and **would like to use them in 2022** are asked to please contact the parish office so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

If you have a RED DOT on your box you have been given a new number

Please DO NOT use 2022 envelopes before January 1st

DO NOT use 2021 envelopes after December 31

Envelopes are arranged by surname

CWL GENERAL MEETING: will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the Parish Hall. The Installation of the new Executive will be held immediately following Mass at 7:00 p.m. prior to the meeting.

2021 DONATIONS: If you wish to make a final donation for the 2021 tax year, you are asked to do so before Sunday December 26. Your donation must be received in the Parish office by this date to receive credit for 2021.

Donations received after this date will for the 2022 tax year.

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES REMINDER

- 1) **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN OVER YOUR NOSE**
- 2) **NO SINGING**
- 3) **Maintain 6 feet distance.**
- 4) **If you are sick please stay home**
- 5) **Sanitize your hands when entering Church**

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Paul tells us that if our faith is so strong that we could move mountains but do not have charity, we have nothing. We know that charity is the only way we love God through Jesus Christ by loving our neighbor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul offers us a way to express our love for neighbor by supporting their mission to serve those in need.

Your support through poor box donations at the front entrance of the church is a way to do this. Gifts of \$10.00 or more will be receipted for income tax purposes. Place your donation in an envelope marked **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Remember to include your **full name and address** so a receipt can be prepared and sent to you at year-end.

The Poor Box offers us an opportunity to love Jesus Christ by helping those in need!

If you discern a desire to engage directly with our neighbors in need by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul call or text Vince at 289-943-5881 and leave a message for more information.

Please Pray For All The Sick

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